

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MAY 1, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met May 1, 2007, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Scott Jones Third City Christian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was a representative from the Grand Island Independent and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

Consent Agenda – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries Seconded to approve the Following by consent agenda:

1. Approved Resolution #07-035 For the Tourism proclamation for May
2. 5e Set the bid opening date for the box culverts for May 29, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. with bids due May 25, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.
3. Approved the Tourism Proclamation #07-036 This will be read later
4. 6 Approve the amusement license for the Hall County Ag Society
5. 13 Approve the Resolution #07 - 037 for Pledged Collateral from Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$1,120,000.00 for the County Clerk
6. 16 Approved the bi weekly pay claims an early claims for the Nebraska Department of Roads, transfer claims from inheritance fund to general fund and the claim from Mayhew signs
7. 23 Placed on file the office report from Juvenile Diversion
8. 24 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
9. 25 Placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
APRIL 2007

JUVENILE REFERRALS	27 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	5 JUVENILES
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	240 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1022.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
APRIL 2007

JUVENILE REFERRALS	0 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	6 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$100.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$2,000.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation. Hall County Airport Executive Director Mike Olsen was present with an update for the County Board. He stated that this “Armed Forces Appreciation Week” is coming up with aircraft displays and ceremonies. The ground breaking for the schnook air facility will also be coming up. He noted the article in the newspaper regarding the new air service and stated that he appreciates the customer service from Midwest Air Lines.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – no items listed

4 APPROVE TOURISM PROCLAMATION – County Clerk Marla Conley read the tourism proclamation. Executive Director of the Convention Visitors Bureau Rene Seifert was present. She presented the annual report to the board members. She noted that with the completion of the Heartland Events Center, the Heartland Shooting Park and all of the softball and soccer fields they are developing a sport market. She also had information regarding the 150th story contest that will be distributed. Some of the members of the 150th committee were present and she recognized Irene Abernethy and Carl Mayhew. Mr. Mayhew is working on the 150th flags and also on wooden nickels that will be sold. Jeffries questioned if Ms Siefert has contacted the Nebraska Athletic Association regarding sporting events. She stated that they have and they are looking at establishing a sports commission to address the sports facility events.

5 a BID OPENING FOR MAINTNEANCE OVERLAYS – the following bids were received:

BIDDER	CAMERON & & HWY 11	BURWICK 100 TH RD	SCHAUPPSVILLE & 90 TH	80 TH & 90 TH	SEEDLING MILE & BISMARK	TOTAL
JIL ASPHALT BID BOND INCLUDED	\$120,744.86	\$82,856.57	\$83,701.34	\$37,658.01	\$121,136.01	\$446,096.69
GARY SMITH BID BOND INCLUDED	\$122,963.55	\$83,485.65	\$83,423.37	\$37,715.38	\$118,417.35	\$201,840.72

Jeffries made a motion and Wagoner seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and come back with a recommendation and authorize the chair to sign the agreements. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Lancaster was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Arnold called for a 5-minute break to review the bids.

Returned to session at 10:05

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to award the bids as follows:

JIL Asphalt was awarded

- Cameron & Hwy 11 \$120,744.86
- Burwick & 110th Rd \$ 82,856.57
- 80th & 90th \$ 37,658.01
- **TOTAL BID \$ 241,259.44**

Gary Smith Construction was awarded

- Schauppsville & 90th \$ 83,423.37
- Seedling Mile & Bismark \$ 118,417.35
- **TOTAL BID \$ 201,840.72**

Jeffries noted that he would like to work with the City regarding the Husker Highway Issue. The County received \$29,000.00 in overload fees but he feels this should be a joint venture with the City. Gunbarrel Road is on the Merrick County line and Merrick County reimburses Hall County for half of the costs of repairs. He also noted that the cost of oil has gone up so the road repair costs have gone up.

The vote on the motion to award the bids as stated was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5b DISCUSS GRAVEL BUDGET FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – County Surveyor Casey Sherlock was present. He stated that he has exceeded the dollars that were budgeted for gravel for the 2006 2007 budget and with the new contracts 25% will be placed this year. He currently has \$320,000.00 remaining and \$200,000.00 budgeted for box culverts and that would total \$520,000.00. He would like to eliminate the box culverts projects for this year and take care of the gravel and asphalt repairs that are necessary. This has been an extremely wet fall and winter so it has required more gravel. Normally the dollars in the gravel budget would have been sufficient.

C DISCUSS FEMA TREE CLEANUP - Mr. Sherlock stated that the ice storm caused extensive damage to the power lines and the trees. He worked with FEMA regarding the damage costs and will receive \$39,059.88 in reimbursement for the expenses that were incurred.

5d DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HUSKER HIGHWAY AND LANDFILL OVERLOAD FEES – Jeffries stated that there are concerns on overload fees on Husker Highway and this is an issue that needs to be addressed with the City. There has been no communication at this time and he would like to invite Steve Reilly to a meeting to discuss these issues.

Wagoner stated that he agrees and there may be a need to increase the fees. The landfill raises their fees but they do not consider the cost the County has to maintain the road.

Arnold stated that Jeff Palik had addressed the life expectancy of the overlay on Husker Highway to be 9 to 10 years because of the use and on other roads it is about 15 to 20 years.

Mr. Sherlock stated that on June 23 and 24th there will be a tie clean up day for the County. He will receive grant dollars to take care of the costs of disposing of the tires and the Road Department will collect the tires. There will be no fee to the public to dispose of them because it will eliminate the tires being dumped in the road ditches.

Discussion was held on the bid opening date for the box culverts. This will be eliminated because the dollars are going to be used to purchase gravel. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to rescind the bid opening date for the box culverts. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUS AND TAKE ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES OF DESIGNATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES – Eriksen stated that this contract was for services for the spelling contest and administrative duties regarding records research for retirement purposes. The Wood River School District has been performing these duties and was paid \$6,000.00 a year. The contract was renegotiated and they have agreed to charge \$4,000.00 a year. The committee recommends that the chair sign this agreement.

Eriksen made a motion and Wagoner seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for the performance of specific duties for \$4,000.00 a year. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a Board of Corrections meeting 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

8 FACILITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING VENDING SERVICES CONTRACT – The facilities committee recommends that the board accept the contract from J & L Vending; they work with the Nebraska Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired. They currently have the contract for the vending machines and will also service the soft drink machines. Arnold stated that he contacted J & L and they will maintain the same locations as long as Pepsi and Coke will work with them on the machines, then they will service them.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to award the contract to J & L Vending. They will be an increase in the prices of the soft drink products. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS – Jeffries requested that Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity address this. The applications for the permits are submitted to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for the waste control facilities. A public

hearing is held and notices of these applications are sent to the County. The state does not check to see if the operations meet the zoning equipments of the county. It is the responsibility of the applications to check the zoning. Nabity stated that most of the applications have been within the 2 mile jurisdiction and there have not been any changes since 2004. Any operation that has over 1000 head requires a conditional use permit and there are also different set back requirements. There are four different classifications and the county does not have any that would require a permit unless there is an increase in the size of the operation. The operations are required to register and there were 12 registered and 8 are in the jurisdiction of the City. Mr. Nabity stated that when an application is received he will notify the applicants that they need to also come to the County.

10 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING VIDEO EQUIPMENT IN COUNTY BOARD ROOM – Stacey Ruzicka stated that the video equipment needs to be replaced if the board wants to continue to air the meetings. She contacted a local vendor and has a price on the necessary equipment that needs to be replaced. Jeffries noted that people do watch the meetings.

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the purchase of new equipment from Platte Valley Communications in the amount of \$2,251.00. This will be paid from miscellaneous general miscellaneous line item. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 11:00 A.M. DLR PRESENTATION RENOVATION PROJECT OF THE SAFETY CENTER/COURTHOUSE ANNEX - Martin Berglund with DLR Group presented the board members with the Public Safety Center Renovation Report. The assessment is in two parts, the facility condition assessment that addresses the condition of the Public Safety Center and the Old Jail and the mechanical, plumbing and electrical upgrades that are necessary. The second part was the space planning and programming study that addresses the immediate and future space and functional needs. Multiple projects were determined and the cost and the urgency of each project were determined. The total cost of all projects is anticipated to be \$1,979,000.00.

The following projects in order of priority are as follows:

1. implement all building systems recommendations rated as poor in the building systems report
2. update/remodel part of the office level of the main building to accommodate the department of health & Human Services
3. remodel part of the lower level of the main building to accommodate juvenile holding and mental health holding and hearing rooms
4. repair/replace roof over old jail
5. move information technology services from the courthouse to the main building
6. provide file storage for County Court
7. provide file storage for Clerk of the District Court
8. Short and long term storage for court exhibits
9. prepare the jail floor for future county uses
10. provide office supply storage space for the Clerk of the District Court
11. provide miscellaneous storage space for the Department of Corrections
12. provide long term file storage for the County Attorney's office
13. Provide temporary evidence storage for evidence used in on-going court cases
14. provide visually screened parking for District Court judges

15. Provide storage space for general county use, replacing current space rented off site
16. Provide a secure exterior inmate transfer area
17. Provide secure parking for Department of Corrections Vehicles & employees

Mr. Berglund noted that all of the needs could not be addressed with this report. The court functions would have to all move together to be efficient.

Lancaster stated that the committee has worked with the departments to address providing adequate space.

Eriksen stated that this is an excellent planning document.

Chairman Arnold thanked Mr. Berglund for the presentation.

11 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE BILLS- Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka stated that LB 502 the inheritance tax bill has been signed by the governor along with LB 389 and LB 255. LB 208 changing the requirements for material bonds is now on select file. She distributed a list of the bills to the board members.

14. Held a Board of Equalization meeting 11:45 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

17 DISCUSS AND AUTHROIZE CHAIR TO SIGN RENEWAL FOR HIDTA GRANT FOR THE TRI CITY DRUG TASK FORCE – This is a renewal for this grant for the analyst for the drug task force. Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the grant and authorized the chair to sign the grant. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8 FACILITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING VENDING SERVICES CONTRACT – Additional action was necessary on the contact the board needs to make a decision on the locations and the date. The attachment listed the locations of the machines. Discussion was held on the locations of the machines.

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to authorize the committee to set the date and address the locations of the machines on the attachment and make this part of the contact and authorize the chair to sign the agreement pending approval of the committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS – The Board of Corrections meeting was adjourned but additional action was necessary.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to send a letter to the Governor and the Appropriations Committee regarding the reimbursements from the State for inmates addressing how vital these funds are to the county and authorized the Chair to sign the letter. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The executive session that was listed on the Board of Corrections was tabled because it was not needed.

The Board of Corrections meeting was recessed for the jail tour.

ROLL CALL JAIL TOUR – Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner will be attending the jail tour.

26 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Chairman Arnold called for board member reports.

Lancaster reported that 40 of the new 150th anniversary flags have been sold. They have also had requests to purchase flags by mail and that fee will be \$40.00. They are also going to purchase 2009den nickel to sell for the celebration.

Chairman Arnold called for other reports and no one responded.

The regular meeting of the Hall County Board of Supervisors was adjourned and the Board of Corrections meeting was recessed for the quarterly jail tour.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

May 1 special meeting

CALL PRESENT ROLL CALL

OPEN LAW NOTICE NOTED BY CHAIR

REVIEWED THE SCHEDULE AND BUDGET MEETINGS let stacy know by thursdady

Discussion on the simply well program and if it could be initiated in the county plan an amendment is proposed that would change the ulcer drugs
Discussion on setting the claims account amount at the maximum amount
Insurance committee will look at possible changes on the plan

Discussion on the cola increase 2% cola and steps 446,000.00 2.50 296,000.00

555,000.00 3/50 626,000.00

Can increase 1.4 million but have tried to keep back 500,000.00 use in hertiace dollars of 1.2 is transferred to general

Do not eliminate the steps concern on the unions getting more dollars than regular employees should be the same

Insurance will stay the same

Discussion on the cola increase for the county employees concern on the difference on the unions it is the consensus to stay the same and the unions insurance stays the same

Daniel 2% thinks is enough with the insurance as the same

Department heads last year every committee met with department head and set a salary do not get steps department heads are set at the top pay discussion some of the department heads received higher increases because the committee lobbied for them use the committee method discussion on the percentage of increase Jeffries keep the department heads the same all agreed to set at 3% and 3% for department heads

Brad suggested that the board consider a new salary survey personal committee will contact michelle regarding ht classification committee

Cafeteria plan tax savings for county and employee there is some risk may want to raise the amount of the unreimbursed medical look at increasing the amount JJ on the renewal

Department heads if committee pay more will it be set at 3% 3% plus steps
Encourage each committee to add a written evaluation on the department heads

Corrections will have to hire more employees this next fiscal year can estimate the cost there will be revenue generated an alternative to this issue would be to look at having inheritance loan corrections money for the employees to get them on board and once the revenue is generated it is paid back to the inheritance fund used revenue to pay off if board does this set a time period and pay it back in a set number of years corrections knows that they can run the department there will not be revenue at the start and the money comes back do not know how much but this could be used as a plan nothing certain that the county will take money like to pay it back good to see the money going back. Are there limitations on what the revenue from the corrections department can be used for brad there are no limitations to his knowledge has set a specific amount of dollars will set that to be paid back

This is a way to address this have to set a time when it is paid back
Eriksen concern on the 5 years make a business plan to be paid back board agreed

Letter to department heads come from scott expenses at 0% does the board want to meet with each department meet with all department heads board understands the department budgets also unfunded liability do transfer to fund

Facilities committee department tell howard what needs to be done need to see land and improvement fund make sure enough money need to know the risk need to look at insurance needs if a building is lost

Cancel the 5-14 meeting date not to exceed 2% for outside entities